

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, PN  
SUBJECT: AP STORY ON US NEGOTIATORS' RETURN TO PANAMA

1. "ESTRELLA" AND "STAR AND HERALD" MARCH 2 CARRY STORY  
ANNOUNCING THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE RESUMED  
"BEFORE THE END OF MARCH". "ESTRELLA" STORY ATTRIBUTED  
THIS INFORMATION TO "AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OF THE GOVERN-  
MENT"--CLEARLY THE GOP; THE "STAR AND HERALD" REFERRED  
ONLY TO "AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN", LEAVING UNCLEAR WHETHER  
THE SPOKESMAN WAS AMERICAN OR PANAMANIAN. THE STORY WAS  
PROBABLY FILED BY AN AP STRINGER HERE MARCH 1. GOP GUIDED  
ERSA PAPERS DID NOT CARRY THE STORY.

2. ERNESTO SOLIS AND ROMULO ESCOBAR BETHANCHOUR, WHO  
ORDINARILY SERVE AS "SPOKESMEN" FOR THE PANAMANIAN  
GOVERNMENT, TOLD THE EMBASSY'S INFORMATION OFFICER  
THAT THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE STORY OR ITS ORIGIN.  
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## Message Attributes

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